

**Electric Utilities Task Group**  
**April 23, 2012**  
**Town Hall, Old Town Road**  
**10:30 a.m.**

**Present:** Everett Shorey, John Warfel, Bill Penn, Barbara MacMullan

Also present were Bryan Wilson Deepwater Liaison and Dan West from the Block Island Times. Assistant Clerk Bonny Ryan was present to take the minutes.

Meeting was called to order at 10:35 p.m.

**Public Input** – Mention was made that Dan West is leaving the Block Island Times this week.

**Approval of minutes from March 13, 2012**

Minutes were approved as written in a motion by Bill Penn and seconded by Everett Shorey.

Ayes 4 (Shorey, Warfel, Penn, MacMullan)      Nays 0

**Correspondence from Glen Pence, Chris Warfel**

Glen Pence's letter asked that if the bridge over Mill Tail Pond were to be replaced it would be a good spot for hydroelectric power. The EUTG will consider this if it is advertised that the bridge will be replaced. (See attached letter)

Chris Warfel sent the EUTG an article about LED street lighting and using the lighting as the first step in taking control away from BIPCO. This prompted a discussion about who owns the lights, and what is the cost for replacement. John Warfel will contact Cree, Inc. to find out the cost of the lights. (See attached article)

**Deepwater Update**

Bryan Wilson reported that the Town approved the plan for substation A. The Town Beach agreement for landing sites was still pending.

He will forward the power point presentation of Deepwater studies to the EUTG. With their permission these will go up on the Town website. When submitted, he will provide copies of the cable application?

Michael Hickey had asked for a discussion about decommissioning the windmills. This will be placed on the May 14<sup>th</sup> agenda.

**PV Costs**

There was discussion about

- caps
- savings
- avoided costs
- net metering

Everett Shorey will go back and look at his numbers to plug into the Electricity Summary for adoption for next meeting and to forward on to the Council.

**RI Feed-in tariff rates**

There was discussion referencing the LCOE article. (See attached)

**BIPCO Topics**

Distribution upgrade was taken off the discussion list. Last meeting a recommendation was forwarded to the Council to work with BIPCO on this.

There was a discussion about the need for a power purchasing entity. Barbara MacMullan will make changes to the ownership option and subject to those edits;

A motion was made by Bill Penn and seconded by Everett Shorey to approve the Ownership Options document after editing.

Ayes 4 (Shorey, Warfel, Penn, MacMullan)      Nays 0

With no further business to discuss at 11:40 a motion as made by Everett Shorey and seconded by Bill Penn to adjourn and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved:

Bonny Ryan